

## BURSTING OF BIG DAM BRINGS DEATH TO MANY SHOTS ARE FLYING BETWEEN TURKS AND ITALIANS

**Governor Sends Appeal for Aid for Frenzied Victims—Bodies Being Recovered From the Debris Crushed Beyond Recognition.**

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—Austin, a town of 3200 residents, in the northern part of the state, was swept out of existence yesterday and more than 800 of its people were killed by a flood which followed the breaking of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company's dam, a mile and a half north of town.

Almost 500,000,000 gallons of water rushed over the plain in a wall ten feet high, wrecking every structure in its path. Fear that the towns of Costello and Wharton also in the path of the flood, had been destroyed, are expressed at this writing.

Reports that Costello was wiped out and 350 persons were killed were prevalent, but the destruction of all telegraph and telephone wires leading into the town made confirmation impossible.

It was learned that the flood caused heavy loss of life and property in Costello. Costello had about 500 inhabitants. Wharton, a smaller town, was also reported to have sustained heavy damage. In Austin the bursting of scores of natural gas mains as the buildings were swept away added fire to the general horror of the flood and hundreds of those imprisoned in the wreckage were burned to death. The contents of the dam, which was filled to overflowing by the heavy rains of two weeks, swept through a natural gorge in which Austin and Costello were situated. While many residents of Austin escaped to the hills, the warning given by the blasts of the Bayless mills' whistles was too brief for hundreds of others. The catastrophe paralleled in many respects the destruction by flood of Johnstown in 1889, in which more than 2800 lives were lost. The extent of the loss of life and the destruction of property cannot be known for several days. The property loss surely will be several million dollars.

Within an hour of the first general knowledge of the calamity special trains bearing physicians, nurses and food supplies were on the scene.

Hundreds of automobiles bearing rescuers also toiled over mountain roads to lend aid. The food supply of the town was destroyed and immediate aid to the survivors was

urgent. Hundreds of those who escaped were seriously injured in the collapse of their homes and in the panic of the rush for safety.

Temporary hospitals were fitted up in nearby farm houses and improvised structures fashioned from the wreckage. The Red Cross also made preparations for immediate aid to survivors.

The intense heat of the fires sweeping from the natural gas mains made it impossible for rescuers to visit the scene of destruction for many hours. Looters were among the first on the ground, and Governor Tener dispatched a large force of state police to the town to protect the victims.

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—Forty bodies have been recovered, many of them so maimed that recognition is impossible. Governor Tener has been asked for help and a relief train is on the way from Coudersport, 14 miles away. The survivors are in a frenzy. There is no organization, the town being dazed by the force of the calamity, which came without a moment's warning.

Burgess Michael Murn has not been located and it is feared he has been drowned. Hundreds of men, women and children are now searching through the ruins of the village for their families and their friends. The only light is the glare of hundreds of houses which caught fire from broken gas pipes almost before the flood had passed.

Chaos reigned from the moment the big wall of water tore through the town, and there will be no relief until help comes from surrounding towns. Meantime, many bodies lie in the wake of the flood. The dam was built two years ago. It was 530 feet long, spanning the little valley formed by Freeman Run and rising to the height of 43 feet. It was of concrete, 32 feet wide at the base and said to be constructed after the most approved plans of modern engineering.

The basin behind it had never been filled with water until this week, and yesterday it was noticed that water was running over the top of the structure. Many persons went out of the town, a mile and a half away, to see the unusual sight and it was while they were watching the overflowing water that the break occurred.

### ARRESTED IN SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—Sabac C. Santikian, alias Sanders, a Roumanian, accused of violating the federation white slave law in Boston last March, was arrested here yesterday.

ED WHEECE—Keeps all kinds of clear and common lumber; hay and grain. 8-18-1m

### FRANK GOLDEN AND AL MYERS MIX IT

There was a splendid mill pulled off in the Golden hotel barroom at Reno last Thursday evening. The rules were not followed. Catch-as-catch-can and hit and miss punches were the tactics used. Ramon has it that President Frank Golden of the principals in the above-named mill. It is said that the two bank officials, after a discussion, became angered and Al Myers of Goldfield fame, landed right and left on Golden's face, when the hotel clerk came to his master's assistance and delivered a series of punches on the face of Myers, but there was no glimmer behind the blows and were not heeded by Myers, who continued to pummel Golden at will. It is said that at the sound of the gong the president of the Nye and Ormsby County bank was taken to his home with two black eyes, a sprained ankle and wrist and a wrenched back. Rumor says the floor of the barroom resembled a slaughter-house after a beef had been butchered. It is alleged the trouble was the outcome of stock sold by Myers to Golden before the rotten bank closed its doors and which Myers never received pay. It is also alleged that Golden has the services of a trained nurse administering to his ills.

### WOOL AUCT ON LONDON MARKET

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The offerings at the wool auction sales Saturday amounted to 13,732 bales, mainly crossbreds, which were well absorbed by the home trade, with an occasional sale to Americans. Prices generally were steady, and good merinos were firm.

Queensland scoured realized 2s. 5 1/2d. when taken for the continent. Next week 68,000 bales will be offered.

### VANDALS AT WORK.

TRACY, Cal., Oct. 1.—An Air hose on 14 freight cars was found cut here last yesterday, shortly before an east-bound Southern Pacific train pulled out. A reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of the men who did the work has been offered by the railroad.

R. C. Moon departed for Reno this morning.

W. D. Forster, general agent of the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad, motored over on the rails from Goldfield this morning.

### FOWLER ABANDONS FIGHT WITH AIR

NEITHER MOTOR NOR PUBLIC WILL BITE ANY MORE SO HE QUIT.

EMIGRANT GAP, Cal., Oct. 2.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler yesterday abandoned his transcontinental voyage owing to the fact that his engine will not carry him over the Sierras because it will not "bite" the thin air. He made two unsuccessful attempts yesterday.

### NEWARK LOTS BEING SOLD RAPIDLY

Have you bought a lot in Newark? Is the question that is asked by many of our people each day. These lots are sold at a very reasonable price, when it is considered that Newark is to become the greatest railroad shop division point on the Pacific coast, all railroads have terminal grounds at this beautiful little city.

The Key Route has 2200 acres which cost them \$600,000 for right of way and shops. The Bay counties Water company have purchased 500 acres and will bore wells for artesian water to supply Alameda, Oakland and Berkeley.

A tract with eleven thousand trees in one grove was purchased by the Key Route people, where their employees will occupy cozy cottages. The Pittsburg Enamel works that employ thousands of men have just bought a large acreage.

There is 65 feet of deep water at Danbury point and it is within the scope of the Key Route people to build great wharves there so the transfer of freight from ship to car can be facilitated. Several factories have been recently located there.

Now is the time to make a gill-edge investment. Ask Mr. Eaton at the Mizpah hotel and he will tell you all about it.

### SERIOUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Word comes from Reno that Mr. Chris Malatsta is confined to his bed at a Reno sanitarium, and the doctors report his case critical. His physicians say an operation would result of no good, his ailment being cirrhosis of the liver. This will be sad news to his many friends in Tonopah and throughout the state.

Letson Balliet and wife leave for Reno in the morning. Mr. Balliet goes to attend the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias which convenes there on the 4th inst.

### Italian Warships Bombard Turkish Seaport --United States Has Been Asked to Care for Turkish Subjects in Italy.

ROME, Oct. 2.—The first blow in the Turkish-Italian war has been struck by Italy within twenty-four hours after the declaration of hostilities.

Italian warships under the command of the Duke of Abruzzi have bombarded the Turkish seaport of Prevesa, destroying the government houses there and disabling a Turkish torpedo boat.

There has been no hostilities at Tripoli up to 9 o'clock this morning, but Italians are reported to have landed west of Tripoli. A large Italian cruiser is reported to have gone ashore in Tripoli harbor.

Turkey has asked the United States to take charge of Turkey's subjects in Italy, but in the meantime Germany appears to have assumed the obligation.

The Turkish government is now strengthening its military force.

The Greek and Montenegrin frontiers. The Turkish parliament has addressed another appeal to the powers saying there is still time to prevent the evil effect of a conflict.

In Italy the declaration of war against Turkey has been received with enthusiasm in all parts of the country. The impression prevails in diplomatic quarters in Berlin that the conflict will be of short duration.

ROME, Oct. 2.—Direct news from Tripoli is lacking. That the Italian forces have landed there is unquestioned, but there is doubt as to whether Turkey offered armed opposition. A Constantinople dispatch says the Turkish government is strengthening its military force.

### "HUNT'S HYGRADE" AUTO PARTY OF GOLDFIELD.

This morning a merry lot of Goldfield ladies came over in the railroad auto and private machines to christen the new Hunt's Hygrade store. It was a happy lot of ladies and they made the air resound with their voices of good wishes and success for Mr. Hunt, the proprietor. The following well-known ladies comprised the jolly party:

Mrs. Madames, Willis Laurence, L. L. Patrick, J. W. Woodbridge, J. E. McGowan, W. D. Forster, W. E. Johnson, Le Verer, Thomas and F. S. Hunt.

Several of the ladies were so well pleased with our city and its people that they declared it would be a pleasure for them to reside here. They returned this afternoon.

### BORN.

Yesterday morning the wife of Cal Wilson presented him with an eight-pound baby boy. Mother and child doing well. So is Cal!

patch says that the Turkish guns sunk two boats with contingents of soldiers aboard at Tripoli. According to advices by the press, Italy has effected a landing near Prevesa in Northern Turkey.

The Italian government declares its determination to maintain the territorial status quo of the Balkans, explaining that its naval operations along the coast of European Turkey are merely a measure of safety of the security of Italy's military expedition. The position of the Turkish squadron, which is supposed to be on its way from Beirut to Constantinople is unknown, though reports say that it should reach the Dardanelles today or tomorrow. An Athens despatch says that an Italian squadron shelled several Turkish warships off the coast of Gomitza.

MALTA, Oct. 2.—It is reported here that the Italian warships began the firing off Tripoli at 2 o'clock Saturday. A reliable private dispatch from Tripoli says that the Italians' blockade began yesterday at sunrise and a bombardment was decided upon for today. There is apprehension of a rising among the Arabs. All Europeans are safe. The British fleet is expected here today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—President Taft will proclaim the neutrality of the United States probably today. The official notification of Italy carries out the Hague convention of 1907, stipulating that neutral powers must be notified of the declaration of war.

### HOTEL TOSPY TERY AT NEVADA THEATRE TO-NIGHT

MUSICAL COMEDY OPEN TODAY WITH "HOTEL TOSPY TERY" EXCELLENT COMPANY.

Tonight will witness the opening performance of the Minto Musical Comedy company at the Nevada theatre when this excellent organization will present the funniest of all funny Weber & Field's musical farce comedy.

"Hotel Topsy Turvy," a play that kept all New York laughing for two solid years.

The piece is chuck full of beginning to end with laughable situations and screaming climaxes and clean, wholesome fun.

Sixteen brand new song hits are interwoven throughout the fabric of the comedy, and the production will be in every respect an elaborate one, with handsome gowns, beautiful costumes and special scenery.

Miss Maybelle Baker, the sweet-voiced American prima donna, will be seen in her most favorite role; Carlton Chase's beautiful baritone voice heard to best advantage and each of the principals are most advantageously cast.

The bery of young, sprightly "squabs" will add much gaiety to the occasion and will be seen in some new and pleasing stunts.

This company's engagement is but four nights, with entire change of play each evening.

Manager F. B. Spencer, of the Wigwam opera house, Carson City, yesterday wired Manager Sam Haas as follows:

"The engagement of the Minto Musical Comedy company has been eminently successful, both financially and artistically. Personally they are the best people I have ever played in any house, and you can make no mistake in doing everything to give them a good time and a good business."

THE TONOPAH LUMBER CO. has the largest stock of all kinds of lumber—mining timbers and building material; wholesale and retail. Mining timbers a specialty.

### BUTLER THEATRE WILL HAVE USUAL GOOD PICTURES

MANY BEAUTIFUL PICTURES TO BE SEEN AT THIS POPULAR HOUSE.

At the Butler theater this evening an elegant program of four reels of moving pictures will be shown. Miss Carreg will also be heard in new songs. The picture program for this evening is an exceptionally fine one and must be seen to be appreciated. The following is the program: "The Playwright," Essanay drama; "Round-up at Dawn," Kalem western drama; "The Red Man's Dog," Pathe western and a Biograph feature, entitled "The Thumb Print." There is a strong and special feature about this picture, aside from the stirring situations and climax which will make thousands anxious to see it. Captain Joseph Francis Faurot, the famous finger-mark expert of the police department of New York City, gives his testimony in freeing the accused woman. The Butler is nice and warm, and a person can enjoy a good hour's show in comfort.

### EARLE WINS.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1.—George H. Earle, supported by the forces behind United States Senator Penrose, won Saturday in the primaries the republican nomination for mayor over William S. Vare.

## JUDGE LANGAN APPOINTS NEW RECEIVER IN N. & O. BANK CASES

**His Honor, in Speaking From the Bench, Says Conditions of Defunct Bank Are "Rotten to the Core"—Reduces Exorbitant Claims of Attorneys and Receiver.**

In the district court Saturday afternoon in Carson, the matter of the receiving of the final report of Receiver Lockhart of the Nye and Ormsby County bank and the acceptance of his resignation, was taken up.

None others than the court officials, the attorneys interested and a representative of the press were present when Judge Langan made his rulings in the affair and made his sensational remark concerning the condition of the bank.

It was readily seen that Judge Langan was disgusted with the showing made by the Nye and Ormsby County bank and wished to go upon record as one who was not satisfied with the conditions.

The following is a receipt of the report of the action of the afternoon with the verbatim statements of Judge Langan in regard to the various matters.

Attorneys Van Dyke and Danforth also asked for legal fees in the sum of \$7150, but this the

court cut down to an even \$6000. Receiver Lockhart asked for salary in the sum of \$2500, but this the court refused to even consider.

The court: Mr. Danforth, in considering the application of Mr. Van Dyke to this court, for an order allowing him the sum of \$1000 for clerical services performed by him, after he had been selected by Mr. Lockhart as attorney for the receiver, I have come to the conclusion that item must be disallowed by the court. Mr. Clerk, you will enter an order disallowing the sum of \$1000 for clerical services rendered by Mr. Van Dyke for Mr. Lockhart after he had been selected by Mr. Lockhart as attorney for the receiver. The court also disal-

lows the \$50 item charged by Mr. Lockhart to the receivership for the premiums paid by Mr. Lockhart on the bond which he required Mr. Van Dyke to furnish. I think it was a \$10,000 bond Mr. Lockhart required Mr. Van Dyke to furnish, and I will disallow that item and not allow it to be paid out of the funds of the receivership.

In considering the fee to be allowed to Messrs. Van Dyke and Danforth for services rendered by them as attorneys for the receivership from the 10th day of December, 1909, up to this day.

If the question of time put in entered in this receivership or any other receivership, was to be determined, I have no doubt that a

fee equaling the sum of \$10,000 should be paid, but sitting as a chancellor in this matter, I feel, while being fair to you, I should be fair to the depositors of this defunct institution. There is no doubt that the Nye & Ormsby County bank is in a bad condition, rotten, I might term it, rotten to the core, and it is not the dollar-for-dollar institution I thought it was going to be. In my judgment, from what I know of the Nye & Ormsby County bank, and my knowledge has been gained from Lockhart, as well as the other receiver, I am candidly of the opinion that the depositors will never get anything out of it to speak of, and if anything a very, very small percentage of their deposits. The debt owing to the First National Bank of San Francisco amounted to \$127,000, and this has been reduced to the sum of \$36,500 or thereabouts. I am giving you these figures in round numbers. Quite a collection

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